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LETTER DATED 14 JULY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with instructions I have received, I would request you to circulate a statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic on 14 July 1994 as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
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Annex

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Statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of Azerbaijan on 14 July 1994

After a long period of calm on the front line, Armenian armed units today at 0530 hours violated the cease-fire agreement and began a mass artillery bombardment of border settlements in the Tovuz district from military bases located in the Berd and Ijevan districts of Armenia. According to initial reports, this barbaric action has caused the destruction of peaceful settlements and sites of no military or strategic value.

Positions of the Azerbaijani army in the Agdam and Fizuli sectors were shelled at the same time.

The Azerbaijani side continues to abide by the cease-fire agreement concluded earlier and is refraining from any use of force in response. By means of these actions, the political and military leadership of Armenia is once again attempting to block efforts by international organizations to settle the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan vigorously opposes the use of force and calls upon the world community to condemn the aggressor.